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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois' income tax has been levied at a non-graduated rate since its inception in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, The current flat rate structure is a commitment from the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois' current flat tax rate provides a more predictable, sustainable, and enticing climate for businesses and individuals alike; and

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WHEREAS, A graduated income tax is unresponsive to a modern economy, contributing to slower economic growth, less entrepreneurship, and fewer new jobs; and

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WHEREAS, States with lower tax burdens, lower marginal tax rates, and less progressivity have more robust economies, with strong incentives to live, work, and start new businesses; and

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WHEREAS, A graduated income tax creates an ever-increasing disincentive for work at each "step" in the marginal tax rate; and

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WHEREAS, Sound tax policy should reward work effort, saving, investment, risk-taking, and entrepreneurship to

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1 promote self-sustaining prosperity; and

2 WHEREAS, Taxpayers would have no certainty what the final
3 tax rates would be in the event that a constitutional amendment
4 permitting a graduated income tax goes before voters;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 state our belief that the Illinois Constitution should not be
9 amended to permit a graduated income tax; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to all Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker
12 and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives,
13 and the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.